

Morse Code is a means of communication that can be accomplished using encoded flashes of light, encoded radio transmissions, the use of flags as in “wig-wag” transmission of Morse, by simply tapping using a stick or stone against a wall or pipe or side of submarine, etc. Since its invention the Morse Code has been used to save lives of people world-wide in circumstances when other means of communication would not work. Morse Code used in high frequency communications a very low powered transmitter can be heard around the world to call for help from vessels at sea, from downed airmen, from lost hunters, etc. During both World War I and World War II Amateurs trained in the use of Morse Code were called upon to teach large numbers of men and women to send and receive information using this Morse. Today only amateur radio provides a pool of trained Morse Code operators available to the government just for the asking. The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard suspended training of Morse Code operators. Yet today thousands of Morse Code messages are routinely being sent by foreign operators who rely upon it as a means of sending coded clandestine messages to spies in the US thereby controlling their actions. In this war on terrorism and terrorists it would be foolish to give up the capability of communicating by Morse Code when it could very well be a primary last resort method of getting a message through by enemy forces, our own forces, etc. The United States gets its trained CW Morse Code operators by simply requiring that to obtain an Amateur Radio License that permits operations at HF frequencies requires a mere 5 WPM Morse Code Capability. It is a requirement that should remain in place in the interest of domestic and national security.